

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET TR-061594
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CITY OF WASHOUGAL)	ORDER 02
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Requesting Disbursement from the)	DISBURSEMENT FROM THE GRADE
Grade Crossing Protective Fund)	CROSSING PROTECTIVE FUND
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 1, 2006, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) sent a “Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Grant Monies from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund” in Docket TR-051633 to various interested parties eligible to apply for Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF) grants.
- 2 On October 16, 2006, the city of Washougal filed an application with the Commission, requesting a disbursement of \$20,000 from the GCPF to pay for a project related to crossing safety. The city seeks to install median barriers at the 32nd Street railroad crossing in Washougal, Washington. The city amended its request on March 6, 2007, to change the project location to the 24th Street railroad crossing.
- 3 The crossing is protected with gates and lights for each direction of travel. The street is paved but does not have a center median, curbs, or channelization to prevent drivers from crossing into the opposing travel lane to drive around a closed gate.
- 4 Staff reviewed photos of the crossing and confirmed that the curbs, median barriers, and channelization would prevent vehicles from driving around the crossing gates.
- 5 The city of Washougal seeks \$20,000 to pay for the cost of the barriers. There are currently funds available to pay for the project.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington having authority to approve and administer disbursements from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.

- 7 (2) The project for which disbursement from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund is sought is eligible for funding consideration under Commission rules and complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281.
- 8 (3) Commission staff investigated the request based on the review criteria specified in the rules and recommended that it be granted.
- 9 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2007.
- 10 (5) After examination of the amended application filed by the city of Washougal on March 6, 2007, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the request for disbursement of funds.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 The request of the city of Washougal, proposing to install median barriers at the 24th Street crossing in Washougal, Washington, is granted, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Expenditure from the Grade Crossing Protective Fund must not exceed \$20,000.
 - (2) The work for which the Grade Crossing Protective Fund disbursement was approved must conform to the project description specified in the application.
 - (3) Payment will be made upon presentation of claim for reimbursement for costs incurred and verification by Commission staff that the work has been satisfactorily completed.
 - (4) The project must be completed no later than June 30, 2007.

The Commissioners, having determined that this filing complies with the requirements of RCW 81.53.030, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 14, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary